

84TH CONGRESS
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H. J. RES. 610

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 1956

Mr. McCARTHY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That (a) there is hereby established a joint congressional
4 committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Foreign
5 Information and Intelligence (referred to in this joint res-
6 olution as the "joint committee"), to be composed of seven
7 Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the
8 Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
10 In each instance not more than four Members shall be ap-
11 pointed from the same political party.

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1 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
2 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
3 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be
4 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original
5 selection.

6 (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and
7 a vice chairman from among its members at the beginning
8 of each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place
9 and stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman.
10 The chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and
11 the House of Representatives with each Congress, and the
12 chairman shall be selected by the members of the joint
13 committee from the House entitled to the chairmanship.
14 The vice chairman shall be selected in the same manner as
15 the chairman, except that the vice chairman shall be selected
16 by the members of the joint committee from the House not
17 entitled to the chairmanship.

18 (d) The joint committee may appoint and fix the com-
19 pensation of such experts, consultants, technicians, and cleri-
20 cal and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and
21 advisable.

22 (e) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the
23 services, information, facilities, and personnel of the executive
24 departments and establishments of the United States.

25 (f) The joint committee is authorized to classify infor-

1 mation originating within the joint committee in accordance
2 with standards used generally by the executive branch of the
3 Federal Government for classifying restricted data or defense
4 information.

5 (g) The joint committee shall keep a complete record
6 of all committee actions, including a record of the votes on
7 any question on which a record vote is demanded. All
8 committee records, data, charts, and files shall be the prop-
9 erty of the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of
10 the joint committee, or such other places as the joint com-
11 mittee may direct, under such security safeguards as the joint
12 committee shall determine to be in the interest of national
13 security.

14 (h) The joint committee may make such rules respect-
15 ing its organization and procedures as it deems advisable,
16 but no measure or recommendation shall be reported from
17 the joint committee unless a majority of the members thereof
18 assent.

19 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing
20 studies of—

21 (1) the activities of each information and intelli-
22 gence agency of the United States,

23 (2) the problems relating to the foreign informa-
24 tion and intelligence programs, and

25 (3) the problems relating to the gathering of in-

1 formation and intelligence affecting the national
2 security, and its coordination and utilization by the
3 various departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of
4 the United States.

5 (b) Each information and intelligence agency of the
6 United States shall give to the joint committee such in-
7 formation regarding its activities as the committee may
8 require.

9 (c) As used in this joint resolution, the term "in-
10 formation and intelligence agency of the United States"
11 means the United States Information Agency, the Central
12 Intelligence Agency, and any unit within any of the execu-
13 tive departments or agencies of the United States conduct-
14 ing foreign information or intelligence activities (including
15 any unit within the Departments of State, Defense, Army,
16 Navy, and Air Force, but not including the domestic opera-
17 tion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

18 SEC. 3. All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the
19 Senate and House of Representatives relating primarily to
20 any information and intelligence agency of the United States
21 or its activities shall be referred to the joint committee. The
22 members of the joint committee who are Members of the
23 Senate shall, from time to time, report to the Senate, and
24 the members of the joint committee who are Members of the
25 House of Representatives shall, from time to time, report to

1 the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommendations with
2 respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their respective
3 Houses which are—

4 (1) referred to the joint committee, or
5 (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint
6 committee.

7 (b) In carrying out its duties under this joint resolu-
8 tion, the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcom-
9 mittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit
10 and act at such times and places, to require, by subpoena
11 or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-
12 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer
13 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such print-
14 ing and binding, and to make such expenditures, as it deems
15 advisable. Subpenas may be issued over the signature of
16 the chairman of the joint committee, or by any member
17 designated by him, or by the joint committee, and may be
18 served by any person designated by such chairman or
19 member.

20 SEC. 4. The expenses of the joint committee shall be
21 paid from the contingent fund of the House from funds appro-
22 priated for the joint committee upon vouchers approved by
23 the chairman. The cost of stenographic services in reporting
24 such hearings as the joint committee may hold shall be paid
25 in accordance with the established rules of the House. Men-

1 bers of the joint committee, and its employees and consult-
2 ants, while traveling on official business for the joint com-
3 mittee, may receive either the per diem allowance authorized
4 to be paid to Members of Congress or its employees, or their
5 actual and necessary expenses if an itemized statement of
6 such expenses is attached to the voucher.

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